

tain appreciation of the more delicate and subtle components of nature.

The finer the sensitivity in a person, the more acute his powers of perception and the wider his range of emotions. He is moved to greater and deeper planes of feeling than a man whose senses are calloused and numb.

To close this discussion, and summing up the answer to our question, I would say that art is the expression of emotions through organization of suggestions of elements given by nature and founded on the senses of man.

## AMONG OUR FRIENDS . . .



Vyts And Lyle

The picture of Vyts Beliajus and his friend Lyle Rostad was taken during the editor's sojourn of the Rostad homestead in Roseglen, N. Dakota. Lyle, a very active Farmers Union youth leader and who until coming of age, was a Torch Bearer (the organization's honorary title to outstanding youth), has now been initiated into the older organizations, although he still continues his work with the Juniors. He won a scholarship for next summer's All State Camp. Lyle recently returned from a whole series of conventions held in various parts of the state; he was one of the 8 who drafted the program for 1947.

### FU Jr. Dept. Changes

The North Dakota Farmers Union Junior Department has seen several changes, though not drastic. Suzanna Olson Shroyer, married for over half a year, and due to her duties as head of the Junior Department, was living away from her husband. Suzanna in Jamestown and Leland in New Rockford found life as straw widow and widower not much fun, so now they are both happily back together again in their little farm home in New Rockford, N. D. FU sure regretted seeing her go. Suzanna's place was taken by her former assistant Florence Nordstrom, another capable and swell girl. Bernice Flam mang resigned her job as Junior Secretary to live on a farm near Minot; Anna Fog replaced her.

### Nancy Carol Dulys

Nancy Carol, tho a tyke of only three months, was visited by two out-of-town guests. One was Mrs. Lilian Totten, from Fairhope, Ala., who came to Chicago after visiting her new grandson Parker Totten Gray born at Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Totten spent ten days with her son Edward and her daughter-in-law Betty (Parker's wife) who are students at the U. of Chicago.

Another visitor was Lilian Cernis, who recently from Europe is making her home in New York and came on

for a visit in Chicago. She attended one folk dance session at the International House. To both visitors, all Nancy Carol had to say was a loud "Wah". We assume she was crying for joy.

Kazy, Lil and ye editor are happy to announce that Nancy Carol is growing beautifully and already weighs over 12 lbs. She extends to all her contemporaries a joyous holiday season. "Wah — wah."



Our California Pal

Algis Regis, a former Chicagoan and International House member now residing in Los Angeles, is an enthusiast of VILITIS. Besides subscribing for himself, he obtained subscriptions from Msg. J. Maciejauskas, Rev. J. A. Kucinskas and Ann Berg, all of L. A., and Father John Matulis of San Pedro, Cal. To Al... Širdingiausias aciu. We now have a nice little group of VILITI'ites in California; Milton Stark of Santa Monica, Jack Krancus of Long Beach, the Peltons of Pasadena, Mrs. J. Reppert of Richmond, Mr. A. O. Nickunas, the Wierbachs and Bob Koen of L. A., Mr. A. Skirius of Oakland. Anybody else? You're all welcome.

### Emily Mucha Is Going Places

Emily Mucha is a happy little gal and she infects others with her gay spirit. She is also a good dancer and pianist and makes considerable use of both talents. Recently she danced at Ft. Sheridan for the soldiers in hospital wards. Steinmetz High, which she attends, has formed a Junior Red Cross Entertainment group, referred to as "Bobby Socks on Parade". They seem to go everywhere and are well received. Emily teaches folk dancing and is also an accompanist for some of V. F. Beliajus folk dance classes.

### Assistant To State's Attorney

Konnie Savickus, VILITI'ite, who with the American Lithuanian sportsmen toured Lithuania, and a lawyer in his own right, was appointed Assistant to the State's Attorney. VILITIS is very proud to have such a capable young man in its midst. Konnie was in the service for over three years where he occupied important positions in the administrative department when "they learned that he could read and write", he says. Now we'll know where to go in case the law jumps on us.

### Lith Philatelists Organize

The "Lithuania" Philatelic Society was recently organized in Chicago. The following is the ruling board: Mr. J. Green — president, Ignas Sakalas — vice president, Ben J. Jurēnas — secretary, V. Petrauskas — treasurer, Eve Lukas and Dr. Al M. Račkus — board members.

## VISITORS IN CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hakim of Fairmont, Minn., Mrs. Hakim, Lithuanian born and first cousin of ye editor, married a Ladino native of Turkey. It was the first time in about 10 years that ye editor and the Hakims saw each other.

Mrs. Dora B. Haines from Fairfax, Va., who is with the Rural Electrification Department in Washington, D. C., stopped off at the Drake Hotel for several days, and ye editor paid her a visit. Mrs. Haines is well in her seventies, but she still is spry, tireless and youthfully active and has a charming personality. More power to you and your work.

### Rabbi Sidney Jacobs Honored

A reception in honor of Rabbi Sidney Jacobs, director of Activities at the College of Jewish Studies, 72 E. 11th St., Chicago, was held on Nov. 17th at the College. The reception was in the form of a Mlaveh Malkah (Ushering Out of the Queen — Sabbath), an ancient Jewish tradition. The Havdalah (prayer of distinction) which marks the separation of the Sabbath and week-day, was chanted by cantor Julius Schwartzstein; Zmirot were sung by the guest under the direction of Hy Reznick, director of Music at the college. The guest soloist was Logan Square Congregation cantor A. L. Lupkin, a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music.

### Men In Uniform

#### (Where Our Boys Are Stationed)

Bill Welch, from White Bear Lake, Minn., at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Paul Gaston, from Fairhope, Ala., at Ft. Eustis, Va. Edwin Kunce, Chicagoan, at Boca Raton, Fla. Edward Kaupas, Chicagoan, at Ft. Dix, N. J. Kenneth Twiet, N. Dakotan, at Camp Lee, Va. St. Clair Burton headed toward the So. Pacific. S/Sgt. Wilford Vezis, Chicagoan, still in Germany. Marvin Metzger and Chaplain Rodney Shaw are due for a discharge.

To all of you a Merry Christmas

### Our Vets In Education

Tom Edmonds, who until recently was a Navy Man EM 3/C, is now attending Haverford College in Pennsylvania. But before settling he went down to his former home, Fairhope, Ala., where he had a delightful visit with old friends in old haunts. He also spent some time in New York where he saw another Fairhopean, Peggy Wood, who is now studying art at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. Tommie's home at present is Golden Bridge, N. Y. He and Peggy Wood were NFF vets and were good dancers.

Scotty Bain, an Aleutian vet, is studying in Defiance, Ohio, College where he majors in Education; his little "Frau" is the college nurse. Before settling down to the life of a collegian, Scotty spent some time enjoying outdoor life, choppin cords of wood, working in fields, and also visited former Park Housers, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nobel and family now in Solon, Ohio. Scotty is trying to organize a folk dance class, but he says that football has the edge on him, he is not giving up hope. Go to it, Scotty.

Edward Bowen McNeil, former sailor and folk festival vet who is now instructor of physics at the U. of Ill. where he studies for his doctorate, arrived in Chicago to participate in the Polish Harvest Festival. He looked up the folk dance group at the U. of Ill., but discovered that they do only Square dances. Now he is campaigning for folk dancing to become a part of the evenings' activities.

Fairhopean Jimmy Casebere, recently discharged from the Army as a Lt., is attending Miami U. in Oxford, Ohio. His vacation at home in Fairhope was very brief for school commenced and he could not miss more than two weeks of classes. Nephew Ronald Casebere who just arrived from Germany, plans to attend Ohio State. He and wife, Mary Kay, already moved to Columbus.

### LYS Reunion

A group of former LYS members gathered for a "tete a tete" at the Nook, 1028 E. 63rd St. on Nov. 16. Among those present were: Mr (former LYS accordionist) and Mrs. Alex Savulsky, (They married on August 10. Some surprise) Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tumosa, Mr. and Mrs. Kazys Dulys, Alfred Dikcis, Dorothy Frias, Al Spear and his girl friend Edith, Joe Simbal, Frank Jenkins, Helen Dambras-Yuskus, Gary Hollander and Miriam Rosenbloom.

A boner was pulled on the gathering and we are greatly concerned lest any were affected by it. Sometime between nine and ten, when guests were expected, the outside door of the office building where the Nook is located, was locked by the care taker; he wasn't aware of the gathering taking place upstairs. Thus some guests were locked out and kept away. We greatly regret this incident; we only wish that those people instead of leaving distraught had called. We are very sorry.

### Ira Heiman Bar Mitzvah

Ira Alan Heiman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Heiman, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah (Son of Duty or Confirmation) in a two day festival.

Bar Mitzvah takes place on reaching his 13th birthday and the Jewish boy is confirmed into the fold and assumes the duties as a follower of Judaism. Ira's Bar Mitzvah is one he should never forget. On Saturday, Nov. 16th, during the morning services at Temple Sholom, he performed the first act as a "Jew of obligation" with the formal blessing and chanting of a portion of the Pentateuch allotted for that Sabbath. Afterward there were refreshments in the temple hall. On the following Sunday a sumptuous banquet was given by his parents at the St. Clair Grand Ballroom. Several hundred guests attended. Champaigne, good wines and fancy drinks with daintily prepared hors d'oeuvres preceded the elaborate feast which was even more elaborate than for a wedding. In front of Ira a huge ornately designed cake of candy topped by a candy "Torah" bearing the legend "Ira Alan Heiman Bar Mitzvah". Even the ice cream took the form of open books bearing the same inscription. There was an orchestra and entertainment. Ira's charming sister Judy also sang beautifully a group of four songs.

It was the first Bar Mitzvah ye editor ever attended, and he never imagined that a confirmation is so important an event in the life of a Jew. It was very impressive to note the joy that this occasion evoked in all concerned. Therefore, VILITIS, too, joins the custom by extending to Ira and to his near and dear ones the hope that they may truly "behold him being led to the "Khupa" (canopy of marriage) in a joyous and lucky hour."



## WEDDING BELLS

### Sarett-Saunders

On November 3rd at 1 P. M., the marriage of Charlotte Sarett of Chicago and George Saunders of Santa Monica, Cal., was solemnized at the Shoreland Hotel. Dr. Louis Mann of Temple Sinai, officiated. The wedding was the loveliest event of the season and all the guests were highly impressed. The dais of the hall was a-glitter with many candelabra and decorated with huge white chrysanthemums.